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HEATING MEANS

P&G CASE: 9400M

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 7, 2006

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is responsive to the Office Action dated September 7, 2006. As a matter of review, the instant application is comprised of Claims 1 - 25. Claims 5 and 17 were previously cancelled without prejudice. The Office Action indicates that Claims 1-4, 6-16, and 18-25 are now subject to a restriction requirement. The grouping of Claims presented by the Examiner are as follows:

Group I: Claims 1-4 and 6-10 drawn to a combination of a fabric treatment system and a fabric article drying appliance classified in class 34, subclass 597.

Group II: Claims 11 - 16 and 18 - 21 drawn to a subcombination of a removably attached device per se, classified in class 69, subclass 235R.

Group III: Claims 22 - 25 drawn to a method of treating fabric, classified in class 34, subclass 343.

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